



Lowell City Council

Parks & Recreation SC Minutes

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City Clerk

Date: December 20, 2022
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: City Council Chamber/Zoom (Hybrid)
375 Merrimack St., Lowell, Ma.

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were C. Mercier, C. Gitschier and C. Leahy. Also present were Shawn Machado (Asst. City Manager); Atty. Alethea Dys-Peirce (Law Department); and John McKenna (Law Department)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

C. Mercier called meeting to order noting attendees and petition files and referred to the subcommittee.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Mercier noted the petitioner, Maria Faria, was present and addressed the Council regarding the dog park. C. Mercier noted the City needs to provide rules and regulations for dog park and that cannot be done by a private entity. C. Mercier stated the goal is a safe park with groups following the posted rules. C. Gitschier noted it is City property so they are obligated to provide rules and also to ensure that all improvements are approved by them for this area. C. Gitschier noted residents can be fully engaged with the process as long as City is out front. **Motion** by C. Gitschier, seconded by C. Leahy to refer dog park issue to City Manager to create a maintenance plan for the park along with developing rules and regulations to be posted for use at the park. So voted. C. Leahy noted the need for City supervision but input is always welcomed from all sides of the issue. Atty. Peirce noted the Law Department would be charged with providing those rules and regulations. C. Mercier commented on rules provided to the subcommittee. C. Mercier noted proposals coming from Law Department would be further discussed with next meeting. C. Gitschier thanked the speaker for her input. C. Mercier noted petitioner is aware of the issue and is helpful. C. Mercier noted next meeting will put plan together.



ADOURNMENT:

Motion "To Adjourn" by C. Mercier, seconded by C. Leahy. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

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